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Letter dated 6 March 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations Office at Geneva, Chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, addressed to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights

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I have been mandated by the Organization of the Islamic Conference member States to bring to your attention the following statement on the question of Jammu and Kashmir and to request kindly that this statement be circulated as an official document of the Human Rights Commission.

"The OIC member States have noted the statements made during the fifty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights on the Jammu and Kashmir dispute. They have also heard with sympathy a delegation of the 'true representatives of the people of Jammu and Kashmir', an invitee of the Seventh Islamic Summit, and received the Memorandum issued in Geneva on 23 February 1995, regarding the grave human rights situation there.

"The OIC member States reaffirm the position of their heads of State and Government on Jammu and Kashmir as reflected in the resolution and the special declaration adopted at the Seventh Islamic Summit held in Casablanca, Morocco in December 1994.

"The OIC member States reaffirm their fervent desire to see an immediate end to the suffering of the Kashmiri people and the violence against them so that conditions are created for a sustained and meaningful dialogue between Pakistan and India for a political solution of the dispute on the basis of the United Nations resolutions.

"In this context, the OIC member States once again urge India to accept the visit of an OIC fact-finding mission to Jammu and Kashmir. They also reiterate the offer of a good offices mission to assist in the peaceful resolution of this dispute."

(Signed) Nacer Benjelloun-Touimi
Ambassador